

Public Notice

GET THE FACTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

The U.S. Air Force invites the public to review and comment on a proposal for removing impacted soil from Area of Concern

(AOC) 3, a former small arms firing range at Air Force Plant 42 (AFP 42) in Palmdale, California. The AOC 3 firing range is being addressed as part of a removal action under the Air Force's Installation Restoration Program (IRP), which includes 29 sites and 3 AOCs.

The AOC 3 former firing range is located north of the main portion of the AFP 42 facility. The soil removal plan, called the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) was prepared by the Air Force and submitted to the California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control (Cal-EPA, DTSC). The preferred cleanup method is excavation of impacted soil from the firing range berm, onsite soil sifting to remove bullets and bullet fragments, and appropriate offsite disposal.

On March 26, 2007 the Air Force will issue the Draft RAW for AOC 3. This document will be available for public review through April 24, 2007 at the AFP 42 Information Repositories, located at the Palmdale Public Library, 700 East Palmdale Avenue, Palmdale, California; and at the Lancaster Public Library, 601 West Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster, California.

DTSC determined that the cleanup will not have a negative effect on human health or the environment. DTSC's finding is documented in a Draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This document will be available for review, along with the Draft RAW for AOC 3, at the Information Repositories as well as the DTSC office at 5796 Corporate Ave, Cypress, California. To review these documents at the DTSC office, call Julie Johnson at 714-484-5337 to make an appointment. Send comments on the Draft NOE, postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed by April 24, 2007, to Mr. Tayseer Mahmoud, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Ave., Cypress, CA 90630; email: tmahmoud@dtsc.ca.gov.

ERAB and Public Meeting

The Draft RAW for AOC 3 will be discussed prior to the regularly scheduled AFP 42 Environmental Restoration Advisory Board (ERAB) meeting on April 4, 2007 at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Palmdale. The Draft RAW meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by the ERAB meeting. Both meetings are open to the public. Oral and written comments on the Draft RAW will be accepted at the Draft RAW meeting. In addition, written comments on the Draft RAW may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed by April 24, 2007 to:

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ERAB and Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday,
April 4, 2007

Place: Hampton Inn & Suites
39428 Trade Center Drive
Palmdale, CA 93551
(661) 265-7400

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Agenda:

- Public Meeting for AOC 3 Removal
- Presentation
- Public Comment

ERAB Meeting

- Membership Update
- Site 29 SVE System Operation and Feasibility Study Update
- Site 6 and 28 Remedial Investigations Update
- AOCs 2 and 3 Updates
- Open Forum

For details, call:

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